

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Avant, Jr.

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For: **METHODS OF PROCESSING KAOLIN FROM HIGH GRIT CONTENT  
CRUDE CLAY ORE**

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Applicant provides the present Amendment, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action dated June 29, 2006. It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.